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TO: Executive Directors of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)
and Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs)

FROM: Irene Kazieczko, Director
Bureau of Community Mental Health Services
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration

SUBJECT: FY11 Children's Mental Health Block Grant Request for Proposals (RFP)
DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 14, 2010.

Attached is the Children's Mental Health Block Grant RFP, which provides the instructions and required application forms (narrative, work plan, budget) for FY11 funding. Proposals must be submitted using the required forms contained in the RFP.

System of care planning and development by each CMHSP is now required as part of the Program Policy Guidelines and the Application for Renewal and Recommitment distributed by the Department. This is an opportunity to apply for FY11 Children's Mental Health Block Grant dollars to fund projects that promote and endorse adoption of system of care principles and practices. The FY11 block grant funds for children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) will be distributed based on responses to the RFP. This RFP application is for any new projects starting in FY11. **If you are currently receiving block grant funding for an approved multi-year project, then you do not need to complete this application. You will be notified in the next few months to complete your work plan and budget for the FY11 block grant contract.**

All RFPs submitted should include one of the following priorities:

- Collaborative projects to serve youth in the juvenile justice system
- Access staff based in other local child serving agencies – especially Department of Human Services, courts and schools
- Expanding service capacity for non-Medicaid eligible children and youth for intensive community-based services (i.e., wraparound, home-based, respite)
- Early childhood projects (i.e., baby court, parent child interaction therapy)
- Co-occurring treatment for youth with substance use disorders and SED
- Family support/advocacy, parent education and/or parent peer-to-peer support
- Youth leadership and/or youth peer-to-peer support

Sustaining services continues to be an important consideration in funding new initiatives. Communities may propose single or multi-year projects. Projects aimed at service innovation or service development may be funded for up to a five-year period with progress of prior years determining subsequent funding. The maximum funding per project is up to \$75,000 for the first and second years. **THERE IS NO LOCAL CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED FOR ONE YEAR PROJECTS OR YEARS ONE AND TWO OF MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS.**

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The maximum funding per project is **\$50,000** for the third, fourth and fifth years, with a **local contribution** of one dollar for each four MHBG dollar (1:4). The **local contribution** may be all cash, all in-kind or any combination of both. The local contribution for the 3rd, 4th and 5th years of a project should demonstrate how the project will be incorporated into the system of care for children and how it will continue to be sustained after block grant funding ends. There is a maximum of two new project proposals per CMHSP.

Proposals will be evaluated using the criteria identified in the RFP. CMHSPs may submit RFPs directly to the Department, but should indicate how the proposal integrates into the PIHP's contract performance indicators for improved access for children.

The original face sheet with signatures and other original signature documents must be received at the Department of Community Health by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2010**. Please send **the originals and FOUR COPIES of the entire application packet** to Jennifer Stentoumis at the address below. The work statement narrative, work plan(s), budget pages and a copy of the face sheet must also be sent electronically to Jennifer Stentoumis at Responses@michigan.gov by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2010**. **DO NOT SEND PDF FILES.**

The mailing address is: Jennifer Stentoumis
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The Department will host an informational conference call regarding this RFP on Monday, March 29, 2010, 10:00-11:30 a.m. The number to call to participate is: 1-888-808-6929, Access Code: 6059193. Please RSVP to Jackie Panich at 517-241-5767 or panichj@michigan.gov by Friday, March 26, 2010 if you would like to participate in the call.

Please call Jennifer Stentoumis at 517-335-6258, or email at stentoumisj@michigan.gov, if you have any questions regarding the information contained in this memo.

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